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Connecting First Nation Public Libraries

## FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES READ

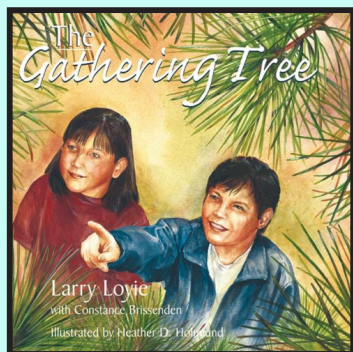
First Nation Communities Read (FNCR) and Periodical Marketers of Canada (PMC) are pleased to announce that Spirit Bear is the selected title of First Nations Communities Read 2016-2017 and the recipient of this year's PMC Aboriginal Literature Award. The Aboriginal Literature Award recognizes the work of outstanding Aboriginal literature and supports the objectives of PMC's Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Letters (FACL). The annual award of \$5,000 is provided through a FACL funding commitment.



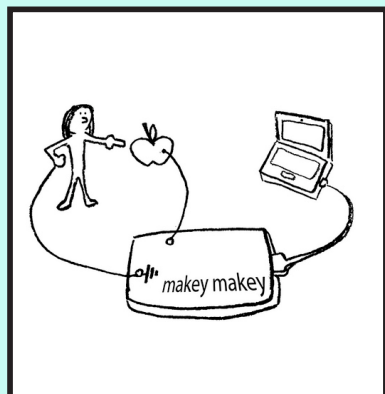
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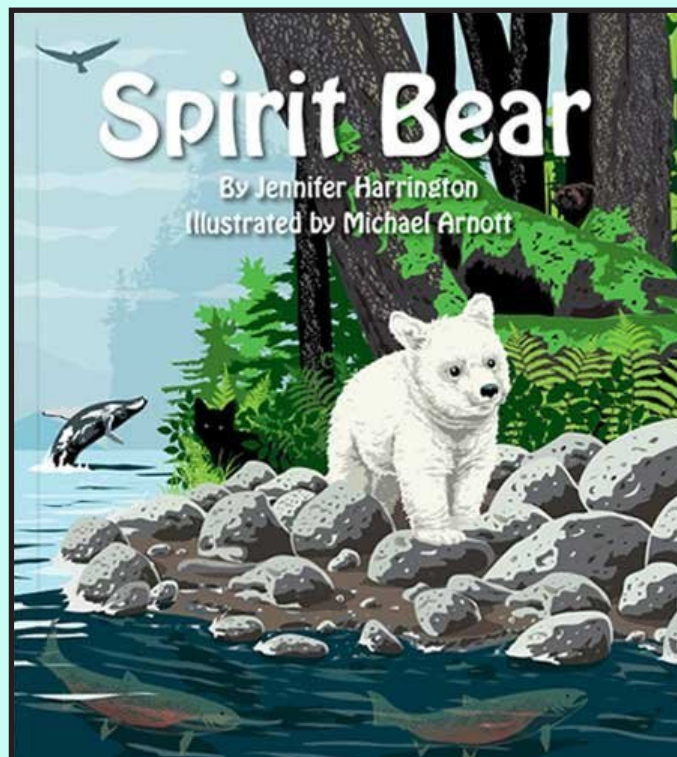


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A jury of librarians from First Nation public libraries selected Spirit Bear from more than 24 titles submitted by Canadian publishers. Illustrated by Michael Arnott and written by Jennifer Harrington, the story follows Anuk, a white bear cub who is swept away from home and must make his way back to his mother. Spirit Bear is full of lovely illustrations that introduce children to 22 animals from the Great Bear Rainforest in British Columbia, many of whom are endangered. In arriving at its selection, the jury agreed that the book told an important story of friendship, perseverance, bravery and trust.



More information about Spirit Bear is available on the Eco Books 4 Kids website:  
<http://www.ecobooks4kids.com/children-illustrated-informational-books/>

# FIRST NATION PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

## LIBRARY OPERATIONS SUMMIT

The Library Operations Summit 2016: Procedures and Work Plans was held on March 21-23, 2016, in Sudbury. The summit was attended by twelve librarians from the north and south. The objectives of the summit were to increase understanding of operational planning, to create individualized work plans and to develop an operational procedures manual.

For more information on this summit visit the final report at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=oB7LwRmb5g73eeHY1Rk1SdERDMmM>.



## FIRST NATIONS SPRING GATHERING

This year's spring gathering was held May 17-19, in Sault Ste. Marie. Training sessions were developed with the guidance of the First Nation Conference and Training Committee, and they focused on language revitalization, library programming, health and safety in the workplace, and collection development.

The three-day event was filled with hands-on activities and guest speakers. Christina Beaucage, from Nipissing First Nation Public Library, conducted a session on cultural arts programming, which focused on dot art therapy. A session dedicated to family literacy also allowed participants to build their own storysacks and create games and crafts to accompany a children's book.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport attended the gathering to run through both the Grants Ontario system and the Annual Survey of Public Libraries (ASPL). More information, including the final report, presentations and additional material, can be found on the Spring Gathering Google drive at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=oBxLNxTtNshOzcVVUUIloUkxvcGs>.



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## CLUB AMICK VISITS KASHECHEWAN FIRST NATION



Club Amick readers in Kashechewan took part in some exciting art workshops with artist Fallon Andy, in June 2016. The younger students spent time learning to draw different shapes, while the older kids spent time in the computer lab making GIFs or moving pictures.

Everyone had a great time!



## FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES READ AT NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

From left to right:

Spirit Bear author Jennifer Harrington, Southern Ontario Library Service First Nation Advisor Nancy Cooper, Spirit Bear illustrator Michael Arnott (Batchawana First Nation), and Periodical Marketers of Canada representative Tom Worsley.



Michael Arnott is the illustrator of Spirit Bear, a children's title written by Jennifer Harrington and published by Eco Books 4 Kids. Michael is the winner of the First Nation Communities Read award and the recipient of the Aboriginal Literature Award presented by the Periodical Marketers of Canada. Michael was presented with his award at the National Aboriginal Day celebration at Yonge/Dundas Square on Thursday, June 23rd, 2016.



# FROM YOUR COMMITTEES



## FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

The planning committee for next year's celebration is complete! Please welcome your 2016-2017 committee:

**Christina Beaucage**  
Nipissing First Nation

**Beverly Bressette**  
Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point

**Virginia Mckenzie**  
Temagami First Nation

**Southern Representative**  
To be determined

Planning for the 2017 celebration will begin in September. Regular updates will be provided via email and on the FNPL Week website at:  
[www.olsn.ca/fnplw](http://www.olsn.ca/fnplw).

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The annual report for First Nations Public Library Week 2016 is now available on the First Nations Networking shared Google drive.  
[FNPLW Report 2016](#)

## INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF FIRST NATION PUBLIC LIBRARIES?

### WANT TO WORK WITH STRATEGIC INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE TRAINING AND FUNDING?

The First Nation Strategic Action Group is in need of two northern librarians and two southern librarians to work together. You may be a past member wanting to return or a new member wanting to get involved.

If you're interested, please let us know by emailing  
[humanresources@olsn.ca](mailto:humanresources@olsn.ca).



## FIRST NATIONS CONFERENCE AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Members for OLS - North's 2016-2017 committee have been confirmed. Your representatives for all matters related to conference and training are:

**Christina Beaucage**  
Nipissing First Nation

**Fran King**  
Wasauksing First Nation

**Wendy Peterson**  
Michipicoten First Nation

If you have recommendations for topics and training that you'd like to occur at conference, or the spring gathering, please make sure to share your ideas with your committee members.



# BOOKS AND AUTHORS

## LARRY LOYIE 1933-2016

Larry Loyie's vision in life was to see "libraries filled with books written by First Nation authors". The distinguished Cree author and playwright passed on to the Spirit world on April 18, leaving behind a legacy of success, resilience and positive influence.

Loyie's most notable works are his 2014 best-seller "*Residential Schools: With the words and Images of Survivors*", and his 2002 children's title "*As Long as the Rivers Flow*". He encouraged all Indigenous writers to tell their stories in a "true fashion"; advice he lived by and practiced in all of his published work. Born in Slave Lake,

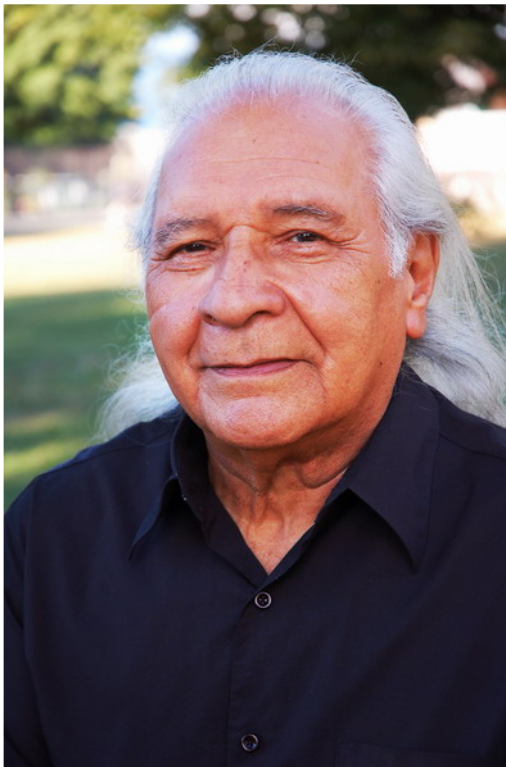
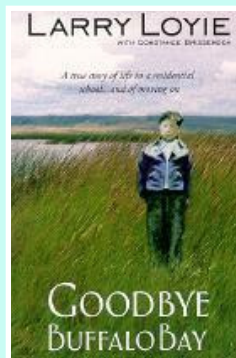
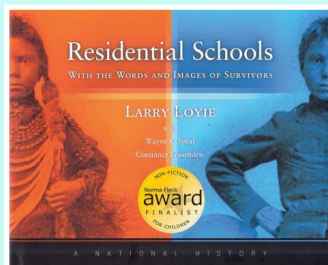
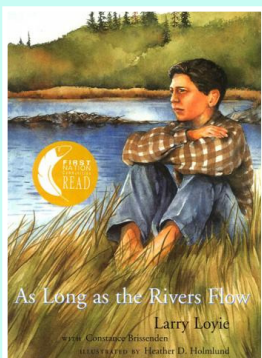


Photo source: Living Traditions Writer's Group

Alberta, Loyie was a residential school survivor who wrote to tell the truth about his experiences, not only as a survivor, but also as a child, as a young man and as an adult. In his later writings, Loyie's focus on children's books would help a new generation to learn the truth about Canada's residential school history.

Throughout his years of writing, Loyie became a teacher, a role model and an advocate. He gave voice to more than just his own story, shedding light on many difficult topics, such as the war and HIV. With more than a dozen published books and plays, Loyie's stories and the memory of his talent, ambition and vision, will live on for generations.



### Noteable Work

1992

*The Wind Cannot Read*

1994 play

*Ora Pro Nobis (Pray for Us)*

1998 play

*Fifty Years Credit*

1999 play

*No Way to Say Goodbye*

2002

*As Long as the Rivers Flow*

2005

*The Gathering Tree*

2006

*When the Spirits Dance*

2008

*Goodbye Buffalo Bay*

2013

*The Moon Speaks Cree*

2014

*Residential Schools*

unknown

*The Healing*

For more information on Loyie's background, and his published writings, please visit the author's website.

[www.firstnationswriter.com](http://www.firstnationswriter.com)

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

## ANNUAL SURVEY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The annual survey is currently open. Using your Go-Secure account, you can begin your survey today.

### *Survey Deadline*

Monday October 31, 2016

Please contact your ministry representatives for assistance:

#### **Adam Haviaras**

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416 314-7158

#### **Rod Sawyer**

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416-314-7627

OLS - North and SOLS advisors are also available for Annual Survey inquiries. Please contact:

#### **Rashed Ahmad**

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1-800-461-6348 ext. 227

#### **Nancy Cooper**

[ncooper@sols.org](mailto:ncooper@sols.org)  
1-800-387-5765 ext. 5194

### *View an instructional presentation:*

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=oB7LwRMb5g73eaWpYV2dIRUg4aTg>

## DREAMCATCHER GRANTS

The Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation is a registered foundation designated to provide support and address situations unique to the First Nations community. The Foundation will supply grants to First Nation individuals with a goal of developing youth as future community leaders.

### **Upcoming Application Deadlines:**

HEALTH  
ARTS & CULTURE  
SPORTS & RECREATION

Application Deadline is **July 31, 2016**

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EDUCATION

Application Deadline is **July 15, 2016**  
(for all projects with a September start)

Apply online at  
<http://www.dcfund.ca/index.php?id=how-to-apply>

## OLS – NORTH 2016 Fall Conference

### THE HUMAN SIDE OF LIBRARIES

This year's conference will be a whole new experience for CEOs and librarians. Day one will offer delegates time to network, share experiences, and exchange ideas and knowledge. Day two will focus on human resource trends in the library, with break-out groups for sharing and problem-solving. On day three, delegates can take their time traveling through a three-hour experiential session that will offer more than 20 exhibits promoting technology, leadership and programming.

**TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE, PLEASE VISIT :**

<http://www.olsn.ca/conference/>

## SOUTHERN FALL GATHERING

The Southern Ontario Library Service fall gathering for First Nation Public Libraries will take place September 11-13, 2016. The annual event will be hosted by Alderville First Nation Public Library.

For more information, please contact **Nancy Cooper**, First Nation Advisor at SOLS.

[ncooper@sols.org](mailto:ncooper@sols.org)  
1-800-387-5765  
ext. 5194



# TRENDING IN THE FIELD

## MAKE YOUR SPACE

Makerspaces are popping up in many libraries. With the rise of affordable technology and the increase of schools implementing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) skills, many public libraries are flocking to this trend.

A makerspace is a place where students and adults can learn about technology, crafts and other kinds of making. In these spaces, people share knowledge with each other and apply creativity in making things. While the term “makerspace” is new, the concept of it has been around for years in libraries that have been hosting sewing groups, knitting circles, and arts and crafts. Today, makerspaces are creating the biggest buzz in the area of technology. Technology has allowed patrons to do things that were previously impossible, such as access 3D printers. While technology is often associated with expense, there are many affordable makerspace technologies on the market.



### *Squishy Circuits*

Squishy Circuits kits come with a battery pack and LED lights. To create a squishy circuit, patrons have to make conductive and insulating dough, which can be made using salt and sugar-based dough recipes. The salt dough is conductive. You can shape anything out of the dough, and as long as patrons build complete circuits for their LED lights, their creations will light up. Students will learn about building circuits and conductivity while creating dinosaurs that light up, lighthouses, or anything they can think of!

### *MaKey MaKey*

MaKey MaKey is an inventive kit that uses science and the internet to turn everyday objects into touchpads, keyboards and musical instruments. This simple kit for beginners and experts works with alligator clips and any conductive objects, such as bananas, marshmallows, tin, and people! Connecting two objects to the MaKey MaKey board, for example a person and a banana, creates a connection. Each connection sends a message or a command through the MaKey MaKey and back to the computer. The commands let patrons turn bananas into pianos, playdough into remote controls, etc. There are a number of free programs to play with online.

Librarians don't have to be technology experts to build makerspaces. Start out small and try a cost-effective makerspace kit. If patrons take to it and would like to do more, build up the space one thing at a time and promote each new maker activity as they arrive. This will keep patrons coming back and before long, you could have an entire makerspace in your library!

### *Additional Resources*

- [www.makeymakey.com](http://www.makeymakey.com)
- [www.squishycircuitsstore.com](http://www.squishycircuitsstore.com)
- <http://hernbergm.wix.com/maker-movement>
- <http://makezine.com/>
- <https://diy.org/>
- <http://www.instructables.com/>
- <http://tinkering.exploratorium.edu/>
- <http://library-maker-culture.weebly.com/>



# THAT'S COOL

## CHECK IT OUT!

### OLS - NORTH'S FIRST NATION LANGUAGES PORTAL

The online tool for First Nation languages and revitalization resources is now available. The portal offers a variety of information, including literature, online tools, programming resources, funding opportunities, etc.

Check it out at:  
[www.olsn.ca/fnlanguages](http://www.olsn.ca/fnlanguages)

### THE TRC READING CHALLENGE

More than 3500 Canadians have signed up for the TRC Reading Challenge, an online campaign which aimed to have 1000 Canadians sign up to read the summary report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission by June 21, 2016.

The challenge was initiated by Jennifer Manuel, a British Columbia author, who simply wanted to challenge more Canadians to commit to reading the report and taking active roles in the nation-to-nation reconciliation process.

Anyone interested can sign up for the challenge here:

### The TRC Reading Challenge

<http://trcreadingchallenge.com/>

Check out the CBC Aboriginal interview here:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/aboriginal/bc-author-challenges-canadians-to-sign-up-trc-challenge-1.3530849>

### THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA Indigenous Language Resources

First Nation citizens can now access new resources launched by the Law Society of Upper Canada, that offer assistance and information in three Indigenous languages: Cree, Ojibwe and Oji-Cree.

The free resources include a guide for dealing with everyday legal problems and two fact sheets that provide information on the Law Society's role and the process of hiring legal counsel.

More materials are expected to be released in the future, as part of the Law Society's Indigenous Initiative, which aims to increase access to legal service for First Nations, in a culturally-inclusive and relevant context.

The free resources can be accessed at the Law Society of Upper Canada website:

<http://www.lsuc.on.ca/indigenous-initiatives/>

### FACEBOOK

Looking for information about Ontario Library Service - North's services and events?

Check out our Facebook page to find regular posts about training, conferences, gatherings and everyday library-related issues.

Follow us and like us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/olsnorth/>



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